

A bill (H.R. 923) to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to allow certain premier certified lenders to elect to maintain an alternative loss reserve.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 923) was read the third time and passed.

#### MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.R. 4275

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill at the desk that is due for a second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the title of the bill for the second time.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4275) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the 10-percent individual income tax rate bracket.

Mr. FRIST. In order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to further proceeding.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The bill will be placed on the calendar.

#### ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2004

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 19. I further ask consent that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then begin a period of morning business for up to 90 minutes, with the Democratic leader or his designee in control of the first 45 minutes, and the majority leader or his designee in control of the final 45 minutes; provided that following morning business, the Senate resume consideration of Calendar No. 503, S. 2400, the Department of Defense authorization bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Tomorrow, following morning business, the Senate will resume debate on the Department of Defense authorization bill. We will continue the amendment process tomorrow morning. The chairman and ranking member will be here throughout the day to receive amendments, and I encourage all Members who have amendments to contact them at the

earliest possible time. We would like to complete the Defense bill this week. We will need everyone's cooperation to conclude this bill before the recess. Therefore, rollcall votes should be anticipated throughout the day, and Senators will be notified when the first vote is scheduled.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:44 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, May 19, 2004, at 9:30 a.m.

#### NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate May 18, 2004:

##### FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

ALAN GREENSPAN, OF NEW YORK, TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS. (REAPPOINTMENT)

##### NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

CAPTAIN SAMUEL P. DE BOW, JR., NOAA FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF REAR ADMIRAL (O-8), WHILE SERVING IN A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY AS DIRECTOR, NOAA CORPS AND DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MARINE AND AVIATION OPERATIONS, NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 33, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 3028(D)(1).

CAPTAIN RICHARD R. BEHN, NOAA FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF REAR ADMIRAL (O-7), WHILE SERVING IN A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY AS DIRECTOR, MARINE AND AVIATION OPERATIONS CENTERS, NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 33, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 3028(D)(1).

##### FOREIGN SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED PERSONS OF THE AGENCIES INDICATED FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF THE CLASS STATED, AND ALSO FOR THE OTHER APPOINTMENTS INDICATED HEREWITH: FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF CLASS THREE, CONSULAR OFFICER AND SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

##### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

ROBERT H. HANSON, OF FLORIDA

THE FOLLOWING NAMED MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO BE CONSULAR OFFICERS AND/OR SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AS INDICATED: CONSULAR OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

##### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

MARY F. BOSCIA, OF VIRGINIA  
BRYAN D. LARSON, OF COLORADO  
ROBERT A. PEASLEE, OF COLORADO  
SHERYL A. PINCKNEY-MAAS, OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
CAMERON S. WERKER, OF VIRGINIA

FOR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS OF CLASS FOUR, CONSULAR OFFICER AND SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

##### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

IREAS C. COOK, OF TEXAS  
JASON R. FIELD, OF WASHINGTON  
JASON M. HANCOCK, OF MINNESOTA  
DAVID E. KNUFT, OF VIRGINIA  
MARK A. RUSSELL, OF CALIFORNIA

THE FOLLOWING NAMED MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO BE CONSULAR OFFICERS AND/OR SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AS INDICATED: CONSULAR OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

##### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LORA A. BAKER, OF CALIFORNIA

##### DEPARTMENT OF STATE

JEAN ELIZABETH AKERS, OF NEW YORK

SYED NAUSER M. ALI, OF CALIFORNIA  
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CHRISTOPHER CHARLES ASHE, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

CLAUDIA L. BAKER, OF CALIFORNIA  
CHERYL R. BALTZER, OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
GREGORY J. BANASZAK, OF VIRGINIA  
PETER R. BARTE, OF MINNESOTA  
LYNN K. BATLADEN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
MICHAEL W. BENNETT, OF VIRGINIA  
MICHAEL L. BENTON, OF MARYLAND  
EDWARD MARTIN BOGAN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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THOMAS S. BOYDEN, OF VIRGINIA  
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DEBORAH L. CAMPBELL, OF FLORIDA  
HEATHER L. CAMPBELL, OF VIRGINIA  
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LANDRY JOSEPH CARR, OF LOUISIANA  
PHILIP MICHAEL CINNAMON, OF VIRGINIA  
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PHAEDRA MARIE GWYN, OF TEXAS  
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GENE DOUGLAS HARREL, OF CALIFORNIA  
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LESLIE AYN HILBERT, OF VIRGINIA  
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THEODORE EVAN JASIK, OF NEW YORK  
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CONEY PATTERSON, OF VIRGINIA  
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STEVEN J. PERRY, OF VIRGINIA  
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